Troopers Arrest California Man for Aggravated Menacing— Dover

Dover- Delaware State Police have charged 20-year-old **Michael Straker** of North Hollywood, CA with Aggravated Menacing, and related charges after he struck a male acquaintance with a handgun.

The incident occurred on September 6, 2021, at approximately 5:20 p.m., when troopers responded to the 300 block of Carlisle Drive, Dover, DE, in reference to an assault with a weapon. The investigation determined a 33-year-old male victim had a verbal altercation with Straker. During the argument Straker displayed a black handgun and struck the victim in the side of the head. The suspect then fled on foot prior to police arrival, but troopers located Straker walking on Carlisle Drive and took him into custody without incident. A canvass of the area was conducted, and troopers discovered the handgun in a wooded area behind the residence. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

Straker was transported to Troop 9 where he was charged with the following crimes:

- Aggravated Menacing (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Offensive Touching

Straker was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court #7 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$11,500 secured bond.

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